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Fall break is next week.

There are no classes on Monday and Tuesday (Oct. 17-18).

The Pacer will not print next week.

Have a safe break!

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Tuesday	89	☀️
Mostly Sunny	62	
Wednesday	88	☀️
Mostly Sunny	55	
Thursday	70	☁️
Partly Cloudy	44	
Friday	67	☀️
Mostly Sunny	39	
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Sunny	37	

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## UTM HOMECOMING 2005



**Flying High** — Sophomore wide receiver Jamaal Akbar (86) makes the go-ahead catch in the endzone. The 'Hawks erased a 3-point deficit at the half to win their Homecoming game.

## Skyhawks crush Eagles 46-16

Amy Eddings  
Sports Editor



46

<b>Offense</b>	
First Downs.....	18
Rushes/Yards.....	44/309
Attempts/Completed.....	13/19
Passing Yards.....	130
Total Offense.....	439

<b>Defense</b>	
Interceptions/Return.....	3/101
Sacks/Yards.....	1/9
Forced Fumbles.....	2
Fumbles Recovered.....	2

Big hits and big plays led the Skyhawks to a homecoming victory on Saturday over Tennessee Tech, 46-16. This win marks the second time in three years that UTM has beaten TTU on homecoming.

Leading the team on those big hits was junior linebacker David Gilmore, with 10 tackles, one sack for a loss of nine yards and two forced fumbles. His efforts against the Golden Eagles were enough to earn Gilmore his first OVC Defensive Player of the Week Honor.

"I haven't had that much fun in a football game in a long time," said Gilmore. "But it was a result of everyone doing what they needed to do to win. Will Grant and Joel Kilpatrick really dominated up the middle and Zach (Kleinfelder) and Andre (Plummer) both played extremely well."

Gilmore now leads the team with 43 total stops, and in the conference is sixth in total tackles, tied for ninth in sacks, and tied for second with teammates senior cornerback Jason Coleman and redshirt freshman Josh Chapman in forced fumbles.

Behind Gilmore on tackles were senior free safety and team co-captain Chad McMahan with nine and junior linebacker and pre-season All-OVC pick Markeseo Jackson, who returned to the field after sitting out three games due to injury, with eight.

"It's great to have a terrific player back in the mix," head coach Matt Griffin said of Jackson. "He's also a great person, which makes it even better to have him on our defense."

The big plays started in the second quarter where UTM found itself down 9-0. Tech had a 21-yard field goal and touchdown in the first to



16

<b>Offense</b>	
First Downs.....	19
Rushes/Yards.....	42/137
Attempts/Completed.....	25/14
Passing Yards.....	208
Total Offense.....	345

<b>Defense</b>	
Interception-Return.....	0
Sacks/Yards.....	1/9
Forced Fumbles.....	0
Fumbles Recovered.....	0

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Academics

## Freshman ACT scores decline

Elizabeth Watts  
Viewpoints Editor

UTM saw average ACT scores for incoming freshmen drop from 22.15 to 22.05 in the past year.

However, ACT scores at five other public four-year universities in Tennessee saw a rise in ACT scores.

UTK's average ACT score for incoming freshmen rose from 24.7 to 25.6 because of the HOPE lottery scholarship, which started awarding money last year. Since the rise, UTK has become harder to gain admission to because students with a higher ACT score are staying in Tennessee to receive the HOPE scholarship. This makes the entrance requirements at UTK increase.

"21 or 22 is the cut-off. Last year was the first year in which we had to turn away a large number of students. There were a lot of people who weren't very happy with that,"

### By the Numbers

<b>UT Knoxville</b>	
<i>Up</i> - 24.7 to 25.6	
<b>Univ. of Memphis</b>	
<i>Up</i> - 21.2 to 21.4	
<b>Tennessee Tech</b>	
<i>Up</i> - 23.1 to 23.2	
<b>Austin Peay</b>	
<i>Up</i> - 20.94 to 21.25	
<b>MTSU</b>	
<i>Even</i> - 22.3 to 22.3	
<b>UT Chattanooga</b>	
<i>Up</i> - 21.5 to 21.7	
<b>UT Martin</b>	
<i>Down</i> - 22.15 to 22.05	
<b>ETSU</b>	
<i>Down</i> - 21.9 to 21.8	
<b>Tennessee State</b>	
<i>Down</i> - 18.5 to 18.2	

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## Martin Wal-Mart to relocate by June

Kenetra Robertson  
Staff Writer

After about 15 years of service, Wal-Mart of Martin has finally decided to close its doors

However, instead of continuing with a standard store, a new Wal-Mart Super Center will be built in Martin. The current Wal-Mart building is now up for bid and offers will be accepted until Nov. 9.

The exact address of the new Super Center is unknown, but the new building will be located on Highway 22, in the direction of Union City, and close to the intersection of 22 and Highway 431.

Some students are excited about the new store. Camilla Green,

a senior Accounting major from Jackson, said, "The new store should bring new revenue into town and the college students sure would appreciate it."

Another student, Tiffany Tross, a senior Education major from Millington, said, "I think Union City is going to lose some of their business as well as E.W. James."

"I am happy that they are building a Super Center so now students won't have to drive so far. It is about time they decided to build a Super Center because it is long overdue," said Courtney Wilson, a senior Education major from Memphis.

The new store is scheduled to open in June 2006.

## Congressman, Senate candidate to speak to UTM students

Kevin Teets  
Senior Reporter

U.S. Rep. Harold Ford Jr. will be visiting UTM on Oct. 13 to speak to students and faculty. Ford is one of six people who are running for the U.S. Senate election in 2006.

A representative of the Ford for Senate campaign has said that Congressman Ford wants to hear from college students. Ford will be holding a "meet and greet" reception with students and faculty in room 206 of the UC from 12:15 until 1 p.m.

Some of the issues that Ford will talk about that can affect college students are gas prices and a program that Ford is crafting to allow for free tuition for those who serve the country.

The other Democratic contender

in the U.S. Senate race is state Sen. Rosalind Kurita. Kurita is a former commissioner for Montgomery County, a businesswoman and a nurse.

Republican contenders in the Senate race include Ed Bryant, Chattanooga Mayor Bob Corker, and Van Hilleary. Bryant is a former congressman, former U.S. attorney, an army veteran and a candidate in the 2002 Senate race.

Mayor Corker is a former real estate developer. Hilleary is a former congressman, attorney, Gulf War Veteran and a nominee for the 2002 governor's race in Tennessee.

Candidate John Jay Hooker is running as an independent. He is currently an attorney, a former newspaper publisher and a frequent candidate in many elections.



**Congressman Harold Ford Jr. has spoken at UTM many times before. Ford will address legislative and campaign issues on Oct. 13.**

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS



Our View

Editorial: Slight drop in ACT scores troubling

There is no need to panic. UTM students, contrary to the story on the front page of this newspaper, are no less intelligent than those of the past.

There is, however, cause for concern that the university has lost one of its storied bragging points. Even though the number of enrolled students has been on the upswing, their ACT scores have been as well. That trend has reversed.

We are the first to admit that ACT scores are not the be-all and end-all when it comes to measuring academic merit. However, they are one of many indicators used to determine whether or not a new student will grace the halls of UTM.

The benchmark for gaining entrance as a first-time freshman into UTM is a composite score of 20 or above on the American College Test (ACT) and a cumulative high school

grade point average of 2.40 or above on a 4.0 scale, or a composite score of 17 or above on the ACT and a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.75 or above on a 4.0 scale.

We firmly believe that your entrance requirements reflect the quality of your academic programs. While not outstanding, these requirements are right in line with what most area colleges require of first time students. Nevertheless, the message we send to the rest of the country is that UTM is the alleged “discount carrier” of higher education.

Why not capitalize on the sudden influx of applications and overall interest in UTM by raising the academic bar? Much like our athletic programs, an impressive performance on and off the field attracts the people it takes to get to the next level. Not raising the bar breeds more of the same.

It is time to raise the minimum entrance requirements

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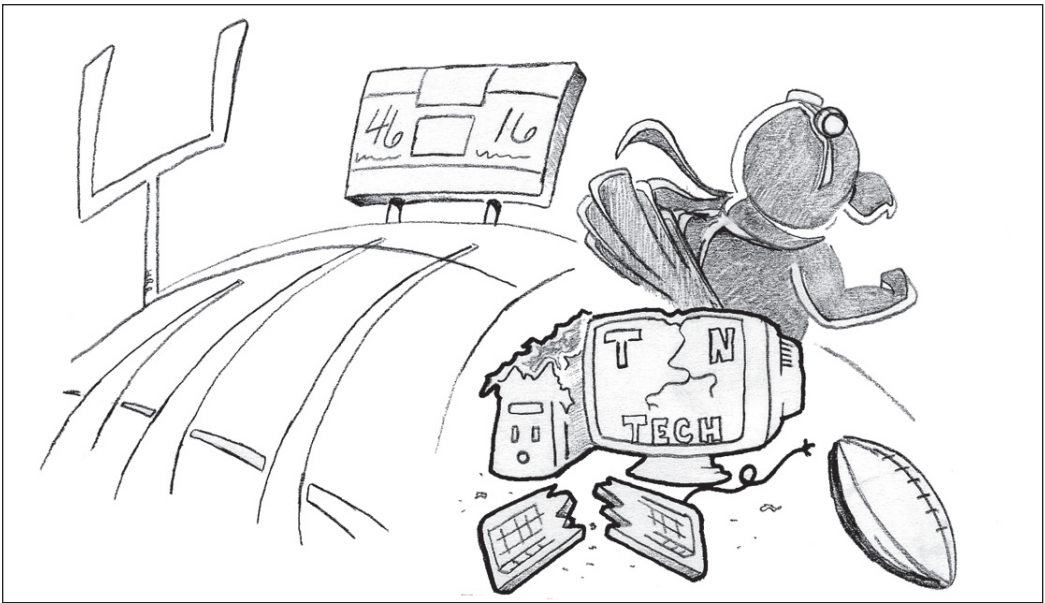
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Protesters misguided in fears

It continues to astound me the ignorance that abounds on supposed campuses of “learning”.

As I was going over The Pacer I read the ACLU article and the silliness I saw in the photo and read in the article was a bit overwhelming. We’re confronted almost immediately with Dennis Doster’s “brilliant” words, “The reason we are here is because this group talks about standing up for civil liberties but they are not doing what the people want”.

I believe what Mr. Doster SHOULD have said is “they are not doing what the PERCEIVED MAJORITY of people want”. This would have been a more accurate statement. There are many “people” who do not want what the protestors wanted - and they attended Strossen’s speech.

With this sort of pandorous rhetoric, it’s confusing as to why Mr. Doster lost his election - this is, certain, what the “people” wanted to hear, was it not?

Many, in this political climate, claim that nothing has changed in terms of civil liberties but I challenge you with this: In the

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Christian Ashlar  
Guest Columnist

60’s, protestors gathered to make known their feelings about the President AND the decisions he made. What would happen today if the same thing happened? If the Patriot Act is any indication - the protestors would be arrested for “inciting to violence” and “acts of terrorism”. This instance, and many others, is why the ACLU exists.

The people in the photo have some strange things on their signs, for instance: “Marriage is One Man, One Woman” and “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty”.

What I found interesting about these statements is that no one is arguing that Marriage is “One man, one woman.” The argument is : That a man/woman should have the right to chose the gender of their spouse.

According to the civil right I have to marriage, I can meet a woman for 15 minutes and get married

in less than 20 if I can find the nearest court house, but the man that I spent 6 years with is “off-limits” because he happens to be male?

The second statement is astounding because in the context of which the statement is found, the verse is in reference to the liberty of enslaved people and “liberty” is in lower-case and is to be taken in its literal sense.

So many people use Leviticus to condemn homosexuals and plaster it on picket signs, but how many times have we seen protestors outside Red Lobster with Leviticus 11:9-12 (stating that eating shell-fish is “an abomination”) plastered all over them?

As for the ACLU and those who do not support them, do they not find the terrible irony inherent in the fact that by exercising their CIVIL LIBERTY to protest the comments of others, they are, indeed, supporting the CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION and their fight to make certain you retain the right to do this?

Perhaps a little more thought should have been put into this “protest”.

Parking is a pain in the tailpipe

Is the parking on campus getting better everyday or getting worse? Personally I think it’s getting worse. Building the newest additions to the dorm life this year has brought many other problems into this campus. University Village was supposed to be done by the time school started but yet the buildings are still in the works. The space for University Village also took out a lot of the parking spaces and opportunities that commuters and non-commuters living in Cooper or McCord had. This year UTM had a major record of enrollment which means that more people are attending the university meaning that more parking and housing should be situated. Unfortunately, the administration has tried to



Patricia Hernandez  
Guest Columnist

fix this problem by building University Village and not thinking about parking. I happen to know that most of the professors that teach in Humanities have their offices in Clement which causes some of the Cooper parking lot to be flooded with cars all the time.

On a much lighter note, the parkings in the University Center and by Paul Meek Library seem to be taken up almost the entire day. Commuters and Non-Commuters are having to drive around for at least twenty minutes before

finding a suitable parking space that will not cost them a ticket of \$15.00 that they may not have. These people are having to find a spot by the pond across the street and praying they will not get stuck in the ditch close to the road at the University Center. Many Non-Commuters are lucky to even find a parking spot by Browning and Ellington due to McCord residents parking there. Many cars happen to not have a sticker with a Non-Commuter tag and no ticket from the Department of Safety either which brings the current issue of parking to a complete debate among students. Many students at UTM that are Commuters are having to fight not only gas prices but the current parking status on campus.



Elaine Wilson  
Staff Columnist

Gulf Coast evacuees still in need

Whenever a disaster strikes, all eyes and hands turn to pay attention and offer help. Eventually, though, people return to their own lives and thoughts turn elsewhere.

Well, it’s begun, and this time it didn’t take long. Just over a month ago, the Gulf Coast was hit by Hurricane Katrina and normal life ended for many people. Families were separated. Thousands lost everything they had. Many died.

Although we rarely give it deep thought, most of us find comfort in knowing where our loved ones are, where we’ll go and what we’ll do tomorrow, and where we’ll sleep tonight. The evacuees of Katrina don’t know, and, for them, a new chapter has begun.

Many survivors were evacuated to one place and then another, taken in by strangers, or moved into hotels. Every spare hotel room for hundreds of miles was filled. Now, some hotels are asking evacuees to leave so that customers with reservations, who will pay full price, can move in.

Where will they go? They don’t have homes to go to, and many don’t have hometowns any longer. Sounds coldhearted, doesn’t it?

On the other hand, the traveler, who likely made the reservation long ago, needs a place to stay. If the hotel doesn’t honor the contract, it not only runs the risk of angering customers and losing business, but also may face lawsuits that could cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Add to that the economic impact that could affect the entire nation. If hotels are unable to rent rooms for full price, they not only lose that money, but also money from additional services that guests use. Eventually they will have to lay off employees, adding to unemployment. Airlines, who depend heavily on the traveler and are already in deep financial trouble, will be forced to cut back even further, causing more layoffs. Businesses that depend on the tourists will be hurt when there are no tourists because they can’t find a room, and will result in layoffs and business closures. And so it goes.

If there is an answer, it is a complicated one, and no one is sure where to begin. The only thing that is certain is that it’s going to take time, perseverance, sacrifice and a lot of patience.

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**Hollie Richardson is crowned Homecoming Queen during halftime of the Skyhawk football game. Richardson represented the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority and is a Elizabethton native. The game capped off a week of activities, including Lip Sync, Rope Pull, Pyramid and Quad City competitions. The 2005 Homecoming theme, "Carnicus Returnicus," showcased UTM's heritage from the '60s and featured carnival-themed Quad City tents.**

# Religion won't block UTM's relief workers

Laura Beth Griffin  
Staff Writer

Concerns have been raised on whether the Focus on the Gulf trip, sponsored by the Baptist Collegiate Ministry, is for everyone, not just for Southern Baptists.

Focus on the Gulf is a relief effort in the southern Mississippi region, in which the Tennessee Baptist Convention has provided for the BCMs across the state to aid those who have been affected by Hurricane Katrina.

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry, or BCM, is a student-led organization sponsored by the local Baptist churches in the Martin area. Some students have questioned the requirements each participant had to fulfill. Students had to:

- Fill out an application.
- Sign a code of conduct.
- Pay a fee of \$100.
- Find five prayer partners.
- Go through training to be certified in Disaster Relief.

The controversy begins with the following two issues: the search for five prayer partners and the training each participant had to complete. Some people found it peculiar that the prayer partners had to be a requirement for helping in disaster relief. Also, when attending a training session in Jackson, some students found out they had to be Southern Baptist in order to receive the training.

"In regards to the prayer partner issue, I don't know why anyone would feel a Christian organization that plans a mission project should not be allowed to include prayer as a part of the activity," said Morgan Owen, BCM director.

Owen added that the job

of a prayer partner is to pray for a specific person while that person is on a mission trip or involved with an activity away from home.

"Since this is the first time our students have participated in disaster relief, I was unaware of church membership requirements," Owen said. "Our main goal was to properly train those who are attending the trip."

Owen explained that Tennessee Baptists financially support the Disaster Relief Ministry, and they expect participants to be members of a Southern Baptist church. He also said that this information was not known until after the students made the trip to Jackson.

Focus on the Gulf's Web site says that the trip is "intended for everyone on campus." The site does not say membership in the Southern Baptist Church is a requirement.

Since this roadblock came up, Owen said that he designed a training session to educate the students, regardless of denomination, on how to deal with those who have gone through such a crisis as Hurricane Katrina.

Dustin Lambert, BCM president, said, "The BCM here at UTM designed this project to be open to all students on campus no matter what their religious background."

Despite the controversy, the BCM said everyone from UTM would be able to attend if they meet basic requirements.

"Bottom line, we want to assist students who feel the desire to help aid those who have been affected by the recent hurricane," Owen said.

# Quad City brings 'Carnicus' to life

Kenetra Robertson  
Staff Writer

Students, faculty and alumni all gathered in the Quad this weekend to celebrate UTM's second annual Quad City.

Each college had their own tent, along with greek organizations and student organizations, to celebrate this year's homecoming theme: 'Carnicus Returnicus ... Remembering the '60s.'

The event started at 10:30 last Saturday morning and went on until a little before the Homecoming football game at 2 p.m. The Quad was filled with laughter as little children were able to jump around in Spacewalks and enjoy carnival-style games that several organizations had set up for the event. Some students and faculty took the time to literally "clown around" with some of the children. Many organizations had members dressed up like clowns to add to the festivities.

Homecoming is a time when many of the alumni travel back to Martin to share old memories, and to create new ones. As a matter of fact, some alumni loved UTM so much that after they graduated, they became apart of the staff. Brenda Wright graduated from UTM in the spring of 1982. She now works for Information Technical Services.

"I think that (Quad City)



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**Sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi hosted a carnival game as part of their Quad City tent. Many organizations fashioned their tents from the "Carnicus Returnicus" theme. AOPi won first in the Quad City competition.**

is a great event and I would love for the university to keep it going," Wright said.

There was also live music and many organizations took the time to prepare food for the crowd. The Black Student Association set up their tent to welcome new and old members. BSA President Melanie Turner felt that Quad City was a huge success. Turner said, "This is a nice event for the

community, faculty and students. It is so nice that we could all come together to celebrate Homecoming and to have fun." Quad City also allowed some of the past BSA members to meet present members. Melvin Barnes, class of 1980, served as BSA president nearly 25 years ago. Barnes felt, "The campus definitely has more diversity with Homecoming now than in the past.

# Dining Services director diagnosed with cancer

UTM icon leaves mark on Martin, expresses love for UTM's students

Kenetra Robertson  
Staff Writer

Sodexho Dining Services has catered to the students and faculty of UTM for the past 17 years. Of those 17 years, Mike Munkel has been the general manager of food services for 14 years. He has had an impact on so many lives at UTM and, recently, he has been fighting for his own.

Munkel was recently diagnosed with liver cancer. Doctors spotted the cancer during a cardiac exam. According to an e-mail sent by Munkel last week to the UTM faculty and staff, he was told he had cirrhosis of the liver, a tumor in the upper lobe near the lung and an elevated alpha-feta protein level that indicates the presence of cancer.

Treatments for liver cancer vary according to the individual and are often complicated. Some possible treatments are surgery, liver transplantation, chemotherapy and radiation.

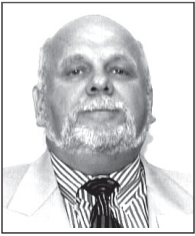
Munkel traveled to Houston, Texas,

a few weeks ago to consult with doctors about a plan of action concerning his condition. Munkel also wrote in his e-mail that doctors do not believe that his body will be able to survive heavy doses of chemotherapy, and they are giving him six to eight months to live.

When word of Munkel's condition began to spread, Dr. Bill Austin of the Mathematics Department sent out an e-mail to the faculty, urging them to keep Munkel in their thoughts and prayers. He also listed many things that Munkel has done for the community, such as organizing Toys for Tots and rallying the campus to support a little girl who was hospitalized after being burned.

"Please keep Mike and his family in your prayers and send a note of encouragement," Austin wrote.

In his e-mail, Munkel also discussed his progress. He explained that he had to undergo some tests at



Munkel

Regional Hospital of Jackson and he hoped to be able to attend some of the Homecoming activities and be at Sunday Brunch. He also expressed his gratitude to the faculty and staff on campus.

"I just want you to know that I truly cannot express enough thanks to you all. The many cards and kind words, the gifts, the offers of help and especially all your prayers for healing and strength are deeply appreciated," Munkel wrote. "I ask that you continue your prayers and please say a special one for my wife, Pat. This is very hard on her, but with your help she will get through it. I do accept that whatever happens is God's will, but I am not ready to give up my fight."

Even though Munkel is going through such a difficult situation, he still had the time to think of UTM. He ended his e-mail by saying, "Y'all are the best. Please take a moment today to reflect on how fortunate we are to live and work in this community at UTM and Martin as a whole.

"As you may have heard me say a time or two, it was a company that moved me to Tennessee, but it was the grace of God that took me to Martin ... I love you all."

## Scores: Continued from Cover

said UT Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Anne Mayhew.

Fortunately, experts say that ACT scores will begin to rise at Martin and other Tennessee schools in a few years because students who didn't make the required ACT score will come to their second- or third-choice school.

"I buy into the trickle-down theory. I believe that will happen," said Houston Davis, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs for the Tennessee Board of Regents.

"I do believe that all of our universities are going to be in a position to be able to admit a better cohort of students down the road, if they choose to do that."

UTM, Tennessee State, and East Tennessee State saw ACT scores for incoming freshmen decrease. UTK, Austin Peay, Tennessee Tech and UTC saw an increase in their ACT scores, and Middle Tennessee State ACT scores remained the same.

# Campus Bulletin Board

The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in The Pacer's "Campus Bulletin Board" section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to [pacer\\_news@utm.edu](mailto:pacer_news@utm.edu) or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Preference is given by event date closest to printing and by order received. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.

## FBI internships

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is offering summer internships in Washington, D.C. and Quantico, Va. Internships are open to juniors, seniors and graduate students pursuing any major with at least a 3.0 GPA. It is paid and includes housing. More information is available at the Employment Office.

## English Writing Center Workshops

Having trouble writing papers? Workshops are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:15 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. in Humanities 209. For more information go to <http://www.utm.edu/organizations/wcenter/>.

## Do All Men Think Alike?

Join the International Student Association and the Black Student Association as they take part in a panel discussion on women, sex and relationships and how

opinions of those topics vary around the globe. The forum is at 7 p.m. October 13 in Watkins Auditorium.

## Campus interviews

The Brentwood-based Davidson, Golden and Lundy CPA firm will be holding interviews for accounting majors this Thursday.

All majors are welcome to apply for the position of marketing representative trainee. Interviews are Thurs., Oct. 20. Contact Employment Information Services in UC 215 for more information.

## Habitat for Humanity

The first meeting of UTM's Habitat for Humanity chapter will be 9 p.m. Wednesday in UC206A. Please join us as we plan our fall activities. Habitat exists to help underprivileged families build their homes.

## ZTA Walks for the Cure

Zeta Tau Alpha is sponsoring The Walk for the Cure to benefit breast cancer education and awareness. The walk will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22 between the UC and library and will progress downtown. Tickets are \$5 and are available from any Zeta. Additionally, breakfast proceeds at Burger King on Oct. 22 will in part benefit the event. Everyone is welcome.

## Learning styles seminar

This week's Wednesday Forum will feature identifying individual learning styles to help students study more efficiently. The seminar will be hosted by Dr. Michelle Santiago and will take place from 12:15 to 12:50 p.m. Wednesday in UC 125 (the back of the cafeteria).



# SGA brings up impeachment charges

Will York  
News Editor

The Student Government Association dealt with member absences during their regular meeting Thursday night. SGA President James Orr told the senate during his executive report that his administration will keep up and enforce the senate's absenteeism policy. According to the SGA Constitution, senators are allowed two unexcused absences before senators can bring articles of impeachment against a senator. "At the beginning of the year, (the Executive Council) said we were going to take absences very serious," Orr said. He then asked Secretary General Rachel Mansfield which senators were over their two-absences allowance. Orr continued to press the

issue during a presentation on senate procedures given by Sen. Chris Cherry. Orr asked, "If I'm a senator and one of my senate members haven't been attending meetings and I think that's not fair, what do I do?" Cherry told Orr that it would be the job of the senate to proceed with impeachment. "If you're not here to serve the students, then you're not doing your job," Orr said. In new business, senators moved to impeach Eric Rivera, who represents the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences. However, Orr recommended tabling the motion "until he can get his excuses together." Senate documents show that Rivera has currently has four unexcused absences. The senate unanimously

voted to table the articles of impeachment, and Orr said Rivera would be notified. Orr said SGA's meeting was successful and that he was "proud that when (senators) saw things that weren't to procedure, (senators) spoke out." In other SGA business: • Adviser David Belote told senators that the first five scholarships were awarded from the student travel study fee for trips to Australia and Germany. The grants were for \$500 each. • Campus Recreation will make a presentation to senate about a new recreation facility. Student Trustee Amy Prevost has challenged every senator to bring students to the presentation, Orr said. • Allison Martinez was unanimously confirmed and sworn in to senate as an at-large member.

# Student assaulted during 'private' party

Staff Reports

An unidentified UTM baseball player was seriously injured after he was hit with a blunt object as he was leaving a party at the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity house on Hannings Lane early Saturday night. Martin Police Officer Mark Rushing was dispatched to Volunteer Community Hospital to find the 20-year-old victim, who

said he was at a party at the ATO house earlier with some other baseball players. According to the victim's report, the baseball players were asked to leave because the party was for ATO members only. The victim told Rushing that he was the last person going out the door when he was hit in the face with a blunt object. The victim fell to the ground and became "semi-

unconscious." The victim received three fractures to his sinus cavity, one fracture to his orbit and a laceration on his forehead. No arrest has been made, and the assault remains under investigation.

*Editor's Note: It is the general policy of The Pacer not to identify crime victims.*

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10:13 a.m. Oct. 3  
Grove Apts.  
Traffic accident involving two vehicles. (Report on file)

2:06 p.m. Oct. 3  
University St.  
Julie Pink issued a citation for expired registration. (City Court)

7:02 a.m. Oct. 3  
Lot 5  
Traffic accident involving two vehicles. (Report on file)

4:44 p.m. Oct. 3  
Lot 12  
Traffic accident involving two vehicles. (Report on file)

1:04 a.m. Oct. 4  
University Village  
Michael Lockard arrested on public intoxication. (General Sessions Court)

7:33 a.m. Oct. 4  
McCord Hall  
Subject reported being harassed by another subject. (Investigation continues.)

1:06 p.m. Oct. 4  
Gooch Hall  
Subject reported to be having an allergic reaction to a bee sting. Treated at the scene by EMS. Subject refused transport.

8:52 p.m. Oct. 4  
Lot 2  
Matthew Harris and

Jeremy Farmer referred to Student Affairs on a first offense for underage drinking.

7:48 a.m. Oct. 5  
University St.  
Chad Robey issued a citation for speeding. (City Court)

10:00 a.m. Oct. 5  
Clement Hall  
Staff member reported receiving an inappropriate e-mail.

5:37 p.m. Oct. 5  
Football Building  
Report of theft of some personal property. (Investigation continues.)

6:26 p.m. Oct. 5  
Ellington Hall  
Report of two subjects injured during an altercation. Both subjects treated on the scene by EMS and transported to the hospital by EMS. (Investigation continues.)

9:12 p.m. Oct. 5  
Gooch Hall  
Report of a subject acting suspiciously around the vending machines. (Investigation continues.)

11:44 p.m. Oct. 6  
Martin Place  
Chris Turner was issued a citation on violation of underage drinking law. (General Sessions Court) Two juveniles were petitioned into

juvenile court on underage drinking.

6:45 Oct. 6  
Lot 3  
A vehicle was accidentally damaged by a rock thrown by a lawn mower.

3:40 p.m. Oct. 6  
Mt. Pelia Rd.  
Emily Carnell was issued a citation for speeding. (City Court)

8:07 p.m. Oct. 6  
Elam Center  
Report of a subject who had injured his ankle while playing basketball. Treated on the scene by EMS and refused transport.

8:33 p.m. Oct. 6  
Fine Arts  
Subject reported falling on the staircase. Treated on the scene by EMS and transported to the hospital.

12:20 p.m. Oct. 7  
Lot 18  
Subject reported vandalism to a vehicle. (Investigation continues.)

7:13 p.m. Oct. 7  
Grove Apartments  
Traffic accident involving two vehicles. (Report on file)

10:06 p.m. Oct. 8  
University Village  
Daniel Hughes was issued a citation on underage drinking.



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# They might be a bit ‘Miss Understood’

LoEva Jackson  
Staff Writer

“Hot Toddy” stole the show and took home the crown with his/her cane, wheelchair and oxygen tank Thursday night at the 2005 “Miss Understood” Womanless Beauty Pageant.

“Hot Toddy,” normally known as Dr. Jeff Hoyer, an associate professor of Communications, boogey danced across the floor with her humpback and red pumps, dragging her cane along with her. The pageant is a fund-raiser for the UTM chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America, or PRSSA.

“This gives me a new lease on life,” Hoyer said. “I feel more sympathetic to women for having to go through this every day. Putting on pantyhose is just too much for me. Around me, I am pretty sure no one would feel safe walking to their cars.”

Finishing in the top five were: “Veronica,” alter ego of Aaron Richardson, sponsored by Sigma Chi; “Trichelle Wood,” whose real name is Trey Wood, sponsored by Chi Omega; “Selma Body,” also known as Adam Ragan, sponsored by Alpha Omicron Pi; “Victoria Love,” who also goes by Blake Kee (no sponsor listed); and, of course, “Hot Toddy,” who also is the PRSSA faculty adviser. Each contestant had to perform a talent, which ranged from juggling and cheering to “dropping it like it was hot” and boogey dancing.

“Veronica” took home the plaque for “People’s Choice Award” for raising the most money in the crowd. “Trichelle

Wood” won first maid and was crowned Miss Congeniality for her toe touch abilities and cheerleading qualities. “Selma Body” “dropped it like it was hot” after she was mysteriously healed from her wheelchair and was voted second maid.

“Hot Toddy’s” ability to dance while dozing from her oxygen supply earned her the Most Talented certificate.

Hosts for the “Miss Understood” pageant were Teresa Collard, an instructor of Communications, and David Belote, interim vice chancellor for Student Affairs. Door prizes were given to members of the audience whose names were drawn from the entrance bucket. Half of the proceeds from the people’s votes and money raised will help with the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

Other pageant contestants were: “Country Kandi” (Carson Kuehn), sponsored by Zeta Tau Alpha; “Ain’t Yo Mama” (Nick Lucas), sponsored by Alpha Gamma Rho; “Daisy Do Right” (Shawn Robertson), sponsored by the Huntingdon Mustangs; “Stifler’s Mom” (Scott Holmes), sponsored by Chi Omega; “Princess Sophia” (Kevin Creech); sponsored by Chi Omega; “Candies” (Nathan Doss), sponsored by Alpha Gamma Rho; and “Stacy’s Mom” (Stephen Little), sponsored by Chi Omega.

**“Hot Toddy,” normally known as Dr. Jeff Hoyer, strutted her way into first place at this year’s “Miss Understood” Womanless Beauty Review, sponsored by the UTM chapter of PRSSA.**



MEGHAN GREEN/ The Pacer

## Monday Night Football/UTM style

Brad Hurt  
Asst. Sports Editor

If you are looking for things to do on campus this semester, the Student Activities Council has a full schedule of events planned for your entertainment.

Besides the weekly Friday Night Movie and monthly 909 Comedy Series, there will be plenty of chances for students to get involved with the organization and experience some of the good times that UTM has to offer. One new event is a weekly Monday Night Football party that takes place from 7-11 p.m. in the U.C. Gameroom. At this event, students are invited to watch ABC’s coverage of the NFL Monday Night Football game on a big screen TV. Sodexho provides free food to students who attend.

“It’s exciting to be around fellow football fans that rooted Tennessee on,” said junior Health and Human Performance major Ashleigh Parker of Clarksville, who attended the recent

Tennessee vs. LSU edition of Monday Night Football. That game, rescheduled as a result of Hurricane Katrina, was shown instead of the NFL game between the Denver Broncos and Kansas City Chiefs.

Major events sponsored by the SAC in October have included an Oct. 9 trip to the Orpheum Theatre in Memphis to see the hit musical *CATS!* and a campus-wide Halo tournament to be held tonight, Oct. 11, from 7-11 p.m. in the Gameroom. Another special event planned in October is a trip to the Six Flags Amusement Park in St. Louis on Oct. 22.

But major trips are not necessarily the focus of the SAC. “Our big thing is doing the tournaments, and people seem to like Café House,” says Gameroom Committee Chairperson David Taylor. Café House is a karaoke event where students can display their vocal talents accompanied by a wide variety of popular tunes.

Other highlights of the fall schedule include a

poker tournament on Nov. 1 and a diversity rally on Nov. 9, co-sponsored by the Student Government Association.

The SAC is eager to spread the word about their events throughout UTM. In the past, they have relied on fliers posted in the University Center to promote their activities. “We’ve put up fliers all over campus and we’re just trying to get more people involved,” says Gameroom Committee member Jacob Wilson. With the recent popularity of the Facebook, however, Taylor says his group plans to take advantage of the internet to reach the student body. “A lot of people are more likely to see things on the internet, so we think using Facebook is a good idea,” he says.

Besides the Facebook, students may access a full calendar of events on the SAC website, <http://www.utm.edu/organizations/sac/>.

Whatever your interests, there is sure to be something going on here at UTM that catches your attention.

## SAC Fall 2005 Schedule

### REMAINDER OF OCTOBER

- October 24 — Monday Night Football, Gameroom (7-11 p.m.) — Academic Speaker: Alan Page, Elam Center (7:30-9 p.m.)
- October 28 — SAC Friday Night Movie, Watkins (10-12 p.m.)
- October 31 — Monday Night Football, Gameroom (7-11 p.m.)

### NOVEMBER

- Novemeber 1 — Poker Tournament in the Ballroom (6 p.m. registration, 7 p.m. play)
- November 4 — SAC Friday Night Movie, Watkins (10-12 p.m.)
- November 7 — Monday Night Football, Gameroom (7-11 p.m.)
- November 9 — SAC/SGA Diversity Rally (7-8 p.m.)
- November 11 — SAC Friday Night Movie (10-12 p.m.)
- November 14 — Monday Night Football, Gameroom (7-11 p.m.)
- November 15 — 9:09 Comedian Tim Young, Watkins (9-10 p.m.)
- November 18 — SAC Friday Night Movie (10-12 p.m.)
- November 21 — Monday Night Football, Gameroom (7-11 p.m.)
- November 28 — Monday Night Football, Gameroom (7-11 p.m.)

### DECEMBER

- December 2 — SAC Friday Night Movie, Watkins (10-12 p.m.)
- December 5 — Monday Night Football, Gameroom (7-11 p.m.)
- December 9 — SAC Friday Night Movie, Watkins (10-12 p.m.)

## Stories of heroes draw readers to comics over and over again

Jay Baker  
Entertainment Writer

I’m quite sure, some of you are tired of hearing about comic book movies. But rest assured that this will be the last, not to mention most significant, look at Hollywood’s version of our favorite graphic novels. Comic culture has become a significant part of not only cinema but Americana as well.

Because of the fearful-consumerist society in which we live, it is only natural that people look for a hero. Sensationalism in the media, war, and terrorism have made Americans afraid of everything. This is, however, not a recent development. Americans have been fearful of something or other for most of the existence of this nation. This has led to the creation of many heroes and legends.

During times of crisis, people always look to heroes. And while comics have not always featured superheroes, they did not reach widespread popularity until characters such as Superman hit the scene.

Comic books originally became popular because they had heroes, like Superman, who helped everyone, even the poor. They fought against not only supervillians, but petty criminals, corruption and other problems of the day. These kinds of issues were the type of thing that readers faced in their lives. During WWII, comics became even

more popular as the heroes were depicted fighting against the Nazi’s. This helped to make comic characters more real and accessible. It also made them easier to emulate.

People could imagine themselves in a real situation, like WWII, easier than they could fighting against some random supervillian.

Sensationalism in the media not only over-reports crime, it also paints common people as heroes: the individual soldier, an army of one, the firefighter who made one more trip up the twin towers. This has led people to identify more and more with everyday heroes in fiction. America has, without a doubt, the largest and most effective military force in the world. Still, this did not prevent the attacks on 9/11. People felt, at least subconsciously, that they could no longer count on us being the biggest and best to keep us safe. They could no longer simply discount national security as something for the government

to worry about. People felt powerless and if they couldn’t do anything themselves, they wanted to identify with someone who could. This has led to “everyman” characters like Spiderman and characters without any super powers like the Punisher becoming ever more popular.

Unfortunately, however, the social implications of this are perhaps not as good as they may seem. Unlike yesterday’s superhero, who always fought for the good guys and always for the right reasons, today’s superhero is often at best less than virtuous and at worst a down-right evil character who just happens to be doing something for “the greater good.” While there is nothing inherently wrong with this, it could lead to a fearful society justifying the natural feelings of hate, fanaticism and intolerance that occurred after

9/11.

Of course this is not to say that comic books, and movies made from them, will make people into intolerant fanatics.



ERIC WHITE/ The Pacer

### Commentary

On the contrary, most people who read and appreciate comics are very intelligent. However, when comics are “dumbed-down” for the big screen, they lose some of what makes them, what some would consider a form of high art and they become simply entertainment, a spectacle. Also, the casual movie-goer, especially if in a fearful, emotional state (i.e. after seeing a news report on the latest terrorist attack) will probably not pick up on the symbolism and sometimes even satire of the best in comic culture. More than likely, they will identify with the lead character and emulate their attitude at least on some level.

While most comic fans would like nothing else than for everyone in the world to love Spiderman as much as they do, social acceptance reasons aside, we should all keep in mind that not everyone can handle the concepts presented therein. Therefore, we should all let Hollywood know to only do comic movies if they are to be done true to the original presentation, artistically and conceptually accurate.

Doing this is very simple: don’t go to bad comic movies.



# AOPi and KA take home first in this year’s Lipsync with help from Elvis

Emily Payne  
Staff Writer

Alpha Omicron Pi and Kappa Alpha Order took home first place and Best of Show at SAC’s Lip Sync Tuesday night. This year’s theme, Favorite Artists, introduced a variety of artists, performances, and an Elvis Presley impersonator as a host. “There was a good turn out, and all the performances were very entertaining”, said Lucas DuRall, a senior Public Relations major from Union City. Alpha Omicron Pi’s win-

ning performance followed Michael Jackson’s greatest hits from “ABC 123”, when he was with the Jackson Five to “Thriller” and “Bad” from his solo days. Kappa Alpha had the audience laughing with their tribute to “Wayne’s World” and songs from Queen. Chi Omega, second place winner in the sorority division, performed hits by Britney Spears while jokingly making fun of her throughout their performance. Alpha Tau Omega, second place winner in the fraternity division, re-enacted scenes from the *Lion*

*King* while performing to Elton John hits. Throughout Alpha Gamma Rho’s performance to Ray Stevens, someone portraying a streaker ran all over the stage and through the audience wearing only what looked to be nude tights. To end their performance, three Sigma Alpha Epsilon brothers dropped their pants to reveal their letters written on the back of the boxers. Other contestants included Zeta Tau Alpha performing hits by Diana Ross, Alpha Delta Pi performing hits by Garth Brooks, Gam-

ma Kappa Pi performing hits by the Beach Boys, and Sigma Phi Epsilon performing hits by Outkast. David Crews, the Elvis impersonator from Memphis, entertained the crowd in between the contestants performance. He threw teddy bears and flowers to the audience while singing and dancing to hits by Elvis. “It was good to have a different host. It really added to the theme and made the night more fun”, said Lindsay Griffith a junior Fashion Merchandising major from Memphis.

## Educate yourself with Poetic Z101 on Wednesday nights

Christopher Turner  
Staff Writer

Expression can be displayed in many ways through art, song, and poetry. Inspired by Beah Richards, Anthony Prewitt was led to start Poetic Z101. Richards is an actress profoundly known around the world for her roles in *Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner*, *The Miracle Worker*, and *Beloved*, and who has won countless awards for her integrity for leadership and service of arts and African Americans. Poetic Z101 serves as a vent to relieve common stress by expressing yourself through poetic expression, verbal interpretation, and discussion in an environment where you don’t have to veil from the way

you feel or be threatened by your views. “To have somewhere that has no boundaries, no repercussions, and no malice against the way you feel is the atmosphere of Poetic Z101,” said Prewitt. Among expressions, other topics discussed include: •Campus Life •Greek Life •Reviews on poetry and songs •Global issues They also vote a ‘Person of the Week’ every meeting. Last week’s award winner was Assata Shakuar, an ex-Black Panther who was exiled in Cuba with a million dollar bounty on her head. Poetic Z101 meets every Wednesday in the University Center 231 at 8:30-10:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

# Red Eye is a thriller worth seeing

Yoshiki Fujita  
Staff Writer

*Red Eye* is a suspense thriller that keeps your heart pounding. Up high in the air, on a red-eye flight to Miami, hotel manager Lisa Reisert (Rachel McAdams) has the worst nightmare of her life. The movie starts out as if it is about a romance. Lisa first meets Jackson Rippner (Cillian Murphy) in the airport in Dallas, while waiting in line for check-in. They look interested in each other. When Lisa gets on board, she finds out Jackson is her seatmate. It looks like a great surprise for both of them.

However, it is all planned out by Jackson. Now it is the beginning of fear and panic. As the plane takes off, Jackson reveals the true reason he is on board. He tells Lisa that she has to do what he says, and if she does not, her father will be killed by an assassin waiting on a call from Jackson. Jackson is planning to kill some businessman who will be staying at Lisa’s hotel. To succeed, Jackson needs Lisa’s cooperation. All of a sudden, Lisa trembles with fright. Trapped in a plane and stuck in her seat, now she has to find a way to save her father and stop the plot.

The movie consists of two parts. The first part of the movie is in the air, and the second part of the movie is on the ground. A lot of scenes in the plane are made up of close-ups and build tension. I thought it was very interesting. Then at the latter part of the movie, which is on the ground, you can see sudden, intense, fast-pitched action. *Red Eye* has only an 85-minute running time, but it is full of suspense, tension, and action. Overall, the acting was great, and so were the visuals. Cillian Murphy did a great job acting as a creepy guy. He was also in a recent movie, *Batman Begins*.

Even though Rachel McAdams, the heroine, is relatively new in the industry, she delivers a very strong performance. She is also co-starring in *Wedding Crashers*. Rachel McAdams is now getting attention and a recognizable name in Hollywood, so it might be a good idea to keep an eye on her next movie. In a nutshell, I think this movie appeals to a wide range of viewers. If you want to see a thriller, *Red Eye* is the one. Since I think *Red Eye* is well-done, I would like to recommend checking out this movie.

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Football: Continued from Cover

give them the lead. Skyhawk kicker, senior Taylor Brown, made two field goals from 46 yards – a career best, and 28 yards to pull UTM to within three headed into half-time.

Brown is now 4-8 in field goals and after Saturday is a perfect 26-26 in point after touchdowns, a streak that goes back to last season. He is tied for first in PAT percent-age and sit alone at first in scoring by a kicker. Brown was also named the OVC Specialist of the Week.

“I’m not sure what our problem is in the first half, but I’m concerned about it,” Griffin said. “Maybe this one was some rust from the off week, because we cer-tainly weren’t crisp in that first half.”

Whatever Griffin and his coaching staff said during the break worked and the Skyhawks came out and scored 46 unan-swered points.

The first Skyhawk touchdown, and lead, of the day came a little over five minutes into the second half when sophomore re-ceiver Jamal Akbar caught a 27-yard pass from senior quarterback and co-captain Brady Wahlberg.

“Once we finally got started, the touch-downs just kept rolling in,” Akbar said. “After the game, you look at the scoreboard and just wonder how that happened.”

Akbar took a hard hit in the endzone, but maintained possession of the ball for the touchdown.

“[Akbar’s] the kind of guy that just makes plays,” Wahlberg said. “That’s why we’re winning this season - guys are making cru-cial plays.”

One of the biggest plays came from rela-tively unknown true freshman cornerback Dante Harrold. Harrold intercepted a pass from Tech and returned it 85 yards for what would be the game winning the TD to put the Skyhawks up 20-9.

“Plays like that, you don’t even think about anything,” Harrold said. “It’s all re-action and running. I didn’t even see any-one yelling, all I saw was the end zone.”

Saturday’s game was Harrold’s first car-er start at UTM and the interception along with four solo tackles, a pass break-

up and a fumble recovery earned him the OVC’s Newcomer of the Week honor.

The defense scored once again with 40 seconds left in the third quarter on a safety by Gilmore and junior rover Jack Green-wood. The Skyhawks increased their lead to 22-9 going into the fourth quarter.

The barrage of points continued as Brown added yet another field goal to the score, this one from 38 yards to put the score at 25-9.

Tech put together a series of four plays that ended with yet another intercep-tion by the Skyhawks com-ing from Greenwood at the Tech 49-yardline.

The Skyhawks capital-ized on this turnover and scored on a 34-yard pass from Wahlberg to Stephens.

The 2-play drive took just 52 seconds off the clock and padded the Skyhawks lead 32-39.

Keeping with the big play theme of the game, Gilmore sacked Tech quarterback John McCray for a loss of nine yards on the very first play of the next drive, forcing a fumble that was recovered by true fresh-man defensive tackle Michael Jasper.

It took only seven seconds for UTM to put seven more points on the board and nail the Eagles coffin closed, 39-9.

Despite the 30-point lead, UTM’s defense wasn’t ready to quit just yet. Tech put to-gether a 10-play drive that covered 52 yards and seemed like it might help them put points on the board. But sophomore defen-sive back Andrew Johnson intercepted an-other pass at the UTM 10 and yardline and moved it to the 12. Redshirt freshman Josh Chapman then busted out an 88-yard run to score his first touchdown of the season and the last UTM points of the game.

Now down by 37 points, the Golden Eagles flapped one more time and put one more touchdown on the board with 14 sec-onds left in the game. The Skyhawks ran those last few seconds off the clock to pick up the victory, 46-16.

Wahlberg finished the day 13-of-19 with no interceptions for 130 yards and had 88 yards on the ground. Wahlberg is first in the conference in passing efficiency, third in total offensive yards, and eighth in total

rushing yards.

In the receiving game, Stephens led the Skyhawks with 41 yards on three catches for two touchdowns. Stephens is currently first in the OVC in receptions per game and fifth in receiv-ing yards per game.

Behind him was sopho-more tailback Don Chap-man with 28 yards on five catches. He also had 84 rushing yards on 22 car-ries. D. Chapman is cur-rently leading the OVC in rushing and scoring, is second in all-purpose yardage, and eighth in total offense.

Third on the team in re-ceiving was Akbar with 27 yards on one catch for his one touchdown of the game.

The top runner on the day was J. Chapman with 120 yards on eight carries with one touchdown.

The Skyhawk offensive line, featuring senior and co-captain Jody Womble, senior Zac Scott, juniors Alex Atkins, Will Gallian Billy Krause and Kyle Wisniewski, sophomore Adam Hansen, redshirt freshman Justin Weaver and true freshman Kevin Bannon, had a good day, allowing no sacks on the afternoon.

Redshirt freshman punter Adam Ivey saw action on Saturday, kick-ing six times for 219 yards. Ivey is currently in third place in the OVC with an average of 39.2 yards per punt.

The Skyhawks are currently tied for sec-ond place in the OVC with Eastern Illinois. Both teams are 2-0 in the conference. Only Eastern Kentucky boasts a better OVC re-cord at 3-0. UTM does, however, have the best overall record at 4-1.



University Relations

**Skyhawks Dante Harrold (No. 22) and Taurean Stephens (No. 11) celebrate during the UTM’s 46-16 homecoming victory over Tennessee Tech on Saturday afternoon. This victory puts UTM at 4-1 overall and 2-0 in the conference**

The Skyhawks will take their three-game winning streak to Jacksonville State on Saturday to take on the 2-time defending OVC champion Gamecocks.

Jacksonville is coming off a close 28-23 win over Murray State on Saturday. JSU is 2-4 on the season, with both wins com-ing from conference opponents. Kickoff is scheduled for 4 p.m. in Jacksonville, Ala.

SKYHAWKS OF THE WEEK



University Relations

Linebacker David Gilmore had 10 tackles, two forced fumbles and one sack for a loss of nine yards Saturday, earning him the OVC De-fensive Player of the Week. Gilmore is currently sixth in the OVC in tackles with 43 for an average 8.6 tackles per game. He is tied for ninth in sacks with two for a loss of 15 yards and is tied for second in forced fumbles with two.



University Relations

Taylor Brown was perfect on Saturday afternoon, going 3-for-3 on field goals and 5-for-5 on extra point attempts. His perfection earned him OVC Specialist of the Week. Brown is a perfect 26-for-26 on PATs going back to the 2004 season. He also kicked a career high 46-yard field goal on Satur-day. Brown is currently first in the OVC in scoring kickers and first in PATs.



University Relations

Freshman cornerback Dante Harrold had an 85-yard inter-ception return for touchdown on Saturday, along with a pass breakup, four solo tackles, and a fumble recovery. Har-rold earned the OVC New-comer of the Week in his first career start as a Skyhawk.



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Road woes continue for soccer dropping two OVC matches

Matthew Maxey  
Staff Photographer

The Skyhawk soccer team came into this weekend looking to continue their recent climb up the OVC rankings, but instead continued their trend of struggling on the road. Defending conference champion Samford downed UTM 2-0 on Friday, and Jacksonville State outplayed the Skyhawks 3-1 on Sunday afternoon.

Samford opened what their head coach Todd Yelton called “the best game [Samford] played all year” on fire scoring two goals in the first twenty minutes. The first of which came only 1:19 into the first half when Bulldog Rebecca Bohler netted a top shelf goal from fifteen yards out.

With momentum in their favor, the Bulldogs scored their second goal only fifteen minutes later when Heather Birdswell found the back of the net from 35 yards out giving Samford a 2-0 lead, which they carried into the halftime break.

In the second half the Skyhawks were still unable to get their offensive attack on track. UTM who averages 22 shots per game, was limited to only four shot attempts in the second half, and nine total for the game. Samford’s

defense, lead by freshman goalkeeper Cayley Winters, recorded their third consecutive shutout and have given up only one goal in four conference games.

“We played ok, but not our best,” according to UTM head coach Nathan Pifer, “we worked hard but just couldn’t score.”

The Skyhawk’s second loss of the weekend came by a score of 3-1 at the hands of Jacksonville State, in large part to the team “letting down and not playing well” according to Pifer. Like Samford the Gamecocks were able to curtail the Skyhawks offensive output limiting them to only \*\* shots for the match.

The first score of the match came when JSU’s Daniela Malta curled a corner kick into the box that deflected off a Skyhawk defender resulting in an own goal.

Early in the second half the Gamecocks added a second goal with a shot that deflected of Skyhawk goalkeeper Megan Dempsey and directly to Gamecock’s Elsa Kurlychek who knocked in her second career goal.

The Gamecocks tacked on an insurance goal in the 57th minute, when Ashley Smith was fouled in the box and netted the resulting

penalty kick.

UTM would finally record their first goal of the match in the 72nd minute when sophomore Katie Berhens found the cutting Dani Myrick who scored her fifth goal of the season.

With the weekend losses UTM falls into a tie for seventh in the OVC standings. Hopes of appearing in the conference tournament, which features the top six teams in the conference, has not been lost though.

The Skyhawks three remaining conference matches they will need more than just a good showing as they face must win situations against Eastern Illinois, Murray State, and Southeast Missouri who are currently ranked 1-2-3 respectively in the OVC.

The Skyhawks will look to use Skyhawk Field, where they are unbeaten this year, to their advantage as they will be home for all three remaining conference matches.

The first of which will be this Thursday at 4 p.m. when Murray State comes to town. Murray who is currently riding a school record four game winning streak, but is 1-4 all time against UTM and has never at Skyhawk Field.

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FILE PHOTO

Cross Country runs away with title at Skyhawk Invitational

Matthew Maxey  
Staff Photographer

Skyhawk senior Derrick Kenwright helped lead the UTM cross country team to a first-place finish in this past weekend’s three-team invitational meet on campus. Kenwright ran the 4-mile meet in a time of 22:01, averaging 5:30 per mile.

Skyhawk runner John Kruckeberg ran the race in 25:33 earning a third place finish while Michael Koszela finished fifth overall in a time of 23:51.

Also placing for the Skyhawks were Paul Thames at ninth (24:17), Jay McCurdy at 11th (24:33) and James Thomka at 13th (25:01)

In the team competition, Murray State finished second and Bethel College rounded out the field in third place.

In the women’s two mile race Murray State won the team competition while UTM used Angelina Gracian’s individual second place time of 12:51 to earn a second place team finish.

Skyhawk Sarah Jenkins finished sixth (13:42) and Karen Taylor seventh (13:43). Also finishing for the Skyhawks were Hannah Clawson in ninth (15:13), Neena Ray in 11th (15:39) and Laura Starr Murdock in 14th (17:23).

The Skyhawk cross country team will



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Skyhawk Derrick Kenwright won the Skyhawk Invitational cross country meet with a 4-mile time of 22:01, leading UTM to a first place team finish.

next travel to the University of Evansville Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 15 and Arkansas State cross country relays on Oct. 22 in preparation for the OVC Championships on October 29.

2005 Murray State Invitational Golf Tournament				
Miller Country Club Murray, Kentucky				
				
Team	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Total
Murray State University	273	275	284	832
Tennessee Tech University	279	285	274	838
Western Illinois University	273	273	292	838
Eastern Illinois University	285	289	290	864
TENNESSEE MARTIN	292	290	288	870
Morehead State University	295	292	287	874
Northern Iowa University	287	296	293	876
Indianapolis University	285	297	295	877
Lewis University	283	296	298	877
Tennessee State University	310	290	291	891
Skyhawk Individuals	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Total
Hunter Prescott	75	71	70	216
Reise Kelly	73	72	73	218
Bradley Stevens	74	74	71	219
Robert Lents	73	73	74	220
Jason Bell	80	69	72	221
Ryan Searce	71	69	82	222
Wesley Stewart	74	70	78	222
John Slayton	73	72	79	224
Trey McNeil	72	77	80	229

Kentucky road trip leaves UTM feeling ‘blue’



FILE PHOTO

Brad Hurt  
Assistant Sports Editor

The road was less than kind to the Skyhawk volleyball team as they dropped Ohio Valley Conference matches to Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State.

On Friday night in Richmond, Kent., the Skyhawks lost their fifth OVC match of the season to the Lady Colonels of EKU, 3-0. Sophomores Jamie Hollins and Dimphy Sasse had eight kills each to lead the Skyhawks.

EKU scored seven of the first eight points in game one and led by as many as 14 points, winning 30-16. The second game was much closer.

The Skyhawks claimed their first lead of the match, 17-16, on a block by Sarah Jett and Randie Wooldridge. A kill by Shelby Knose provided the Skyhawks with their largest cushion at 24-19 before EKU crept back into the game.

A block by Sasse and Jett gave the Skyhawks the first opportunity to put the game away with a 29-28 lead, but three consecutive kills by the Lady Colonels fin-

ished the scoring to give EKU the 31-29 win.

EKU was able to sweep the match by winning game three, 30-19. They put the game away using a 21-9 run and held the Skyhawks to a .103 hitting percentage.

Sophomore Kathryn Sprague had a double-double, recording 14 kills and ten blocks, and junior Tammi Konitzer led all players with 22 digs, but it wasn’t enough as the Skyhawks fell to Morehead State on Saturday, 3-1. MSU had four players with at least ten kills each, led by junior Laura Cox with 20. The Skyhawks recorded 19 blocks in the match and lead the OVC in that category. The team also picked up 28 assists in the match. The Skyhawks were hurt by MSU’s eleven service aces in the match. MSU picked up 69 kills and 59 digs in the match, compared to 46 kills and 52 digs for the Skyhawks.

The Skyhawks return to their home court in the Skyhawk Field-house tonight for a 7:00 non-conference match against Arkansas State. The team is now 2-21 on the season, including an 0-6 mark in the OVC.

This week in Skyhawk Sports

Monday, October 10  
Golf at Palmer Classic, Morehead, Ky.

Tuesday, October 11  
Volleyball vs Arkansas State, 7 p.m.  
Golf at Palmer Classic, Morehead, Ky.

Thursday, October13  
Soccer vs Murray State, 3 p.m.

Friday, October 14  
Volleyball at Eastern Illinois, 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 15  
Football at Jacksonville State, 4 p.m.  
Cross Country at Evansville Invitational